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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE THE THIRD FULL WEEK IN
AUGUST AS "INDIAN ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK".

WHEREAS, Native American arts and culture are foundation
stones of New Mexico's identity and a primary draw for visitors
to witness the beauty, depth and pageantry of the state's first
residents; and

WHEREAS, since 1922, Santa Fe Indian market has served as
a showcase for the best of Native American arts and crafts and
is New Mexico's largest annual cultural event; and

WHEREAS, an Indian arts and culture week would offer
enhanced opportunities for education, civic participation and
partnership between local arts and cultural organizations,
deepening regional cultural experiences for New Mexico
residents and visitors to New Mexico; and

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1 WHEREAS, the designation of the third full week in August
2 as "Indian Arts and Culture Week" would acknowledge the
3 contributions of Native Americans to New Mexico as well as the
4 continuing importance of Native American heritage to the
5 cultural vitality of New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, enlivening Santa Fe's annual Indian market
7 through state acknowledgment will exponentially increase the
8 economic, educational and artistic potential of the event and
9 assist the state to sustain, cultivate and grow its annual
10 visitor base; and

11 WHEREAS, the designation of the full week before Santa Fe
12 Indian market as "Indian Arts and Culture Week" will help
13 establish Santa Fe Indian market as one of the crown jewels of
14 New Mexico tourism;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
16 OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to proclaim the
17 third full week of August as "Indian Arts and Culture Week";
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of cultural affairs,
21 the secretary of Indian affairs and the secretary of tourism.